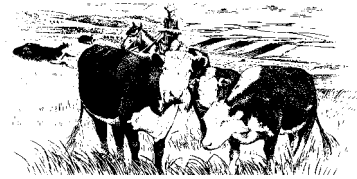


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Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.80 million, 1 percent below 2001, but 3 percent above 2000. Other disappearance totaled 99.0 thousand head during December, 6 percent above 2001 and 4 percent above 2000.

CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 490 thousand head on January 1, 2003, 2 percent below last month, but 2 percent above January 2002. During December, placements of 55.0 thousand head were 10 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 55.0 thousand head were 10 percent above December of 2002. Other disappearance totaled 10.0 thousand head.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 8 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 10.6 million head on January 1, 2003. The inventory was 8 percent below January 1, 2002 and 10 percent below January 1, 2001. The inventory included 6.53 million steers and steer calves, down 8 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.98 million head, down 9 percent from January 1, 2002.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.59 million, 1 percent above 2001, but 6 percent below 2000. Net placements were 1.49 million. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 421 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 507 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 407 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 255 thousand.

CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 8 PERCENT IN HISTORIC SEVEN STATES

Cattle on feed in the historic seven states for 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 9.12 million on January 1, 2003, down 8 percent from the previous year and 9 percent below January 1, 2001. The inventory included 5.61 million steers and steer calves, down 8 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.47 million head, down 8 percent from January 1, 2002.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.38 million, 4 percent above 2001, but 4 percent below 2000. Marketings during December totaled 1.57 million, 1 percent above 2001 and 4 percent above 2000. Other disappearance during December was 85.0 thousand head, up 9 percent from 2001 and 10 percent above 2000.

Special Note: The "Cattle on Feed" release format will be modified to exclude calculation and publication of the historic seven states. Availability of U.S. and the 12 individually-published states' data will remain unchanged. The same seven-state data can still be calculated from the U.S. release by summing the historic seven states' totals. This change will be effective beginning with the publication released Friday, February 14, 2003.

CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS IN SEVEN SELECTED STATES

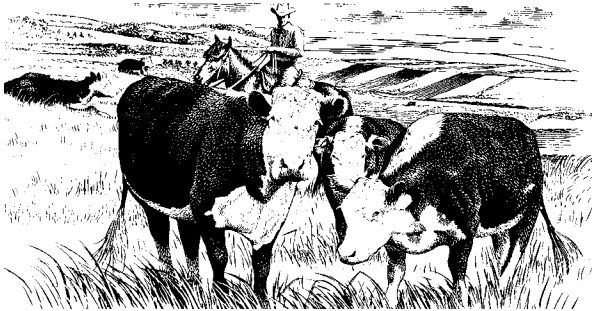
State	Number On Feed December 1 1/			Placed During December		Marketed During December	
	2001	2002	2002/2001	2001	2002	2001	2002
	1,000 Head						
Arizona	303	295	97	30	25	26	27
California	490	500	102	50	55	50	55
Colorado	1,160	1,070	92	165	145	135	185
Iowa	350	350	100	55	65	49	59
Kansas	2,640	2,300	87	370	390	510	470
Nebraska	2,270	2,180	96	300	340	325	370
Texas	2,990	2,700	90	360	360	450	400
Total Seven States	10,203	9,395	92	1,330	1,380	1,545	1,566
State	Other Disappearance During December 2/		Number On Feed January 1 1/			2003/2002	
	2001	2002	2002	2003			
	1,000 Head						Percent
Arizona	2	4	305	289	95		
California	10	10	480	490	102		
Colorado	10	10	1,180	1,020	86		
Iowa	1	1	355	355	100		
Kansas	20	20	2,480	2,200	89		
Nebraska	15	10	2,230	2,140	96		
Texas	20	30	2,880	2,630	91		
Total Seven States	78	85	9,910	9,124	92		

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals being fed for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates, and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

U.S. ALL CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle on feed in all United States feedlots totaled 10.6 million on January 1, 2003. This was down 8 percent from the 11.6 million on January 1, 2002.



JANUARY 1 CATTLE ON FEED IN TWELVE SELECTED STATES AND U.S.

State	2002	2003	2003/2002
	1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	305	289	95
California	480	490	102
Colorado	1,180	1,020	86
Idaho	330	295	89
Iowa	355	355	100
Kansas	2,480	2,200	89
Nebraska	2,230	2,140	96
New Mexico	108	119	110
Oklahoma	360	330	92
South Dakota	195	205	105
Texas	2,880	2,630	91
Washington	247	180	73
Other States	415	335	81
U.S. TOTAL	11,565	10,588	92

CALIFORNIA MILK PRODUCTION

California milk producers produced 2.93 billion pounds of milk in December 2002. This was 4 percent above both November 2002 and December 2001.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,750 pounds, 65 pounds more than November 2002 and 10 pounds more than a year ago.

CALIFORNIA MILK PRODUCTION

Month	California						Total Milk Receipts ^{1/}		United States ^{2/}					
	Milk Cows ^{3/}		Milk Per Cow ^{4/}		Milk Production ^{4/}				Milk Cows ^{3/}		Milk Per Cow ^{4/}		Milk Production ^{4/}	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds				1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds	
Jan.	1,563	1,622	1,760	1,765	2,751	2,863	2,748	2,832	7,784	7,745	1,549	1,585	12,059	12,272
Feb.	1,568	1,626	1,615	1,620	2,532	2,634	2,526	2,630	7,764	7,744	1,431	1,468	11,108	11,365
Mar.	1,572	1,631	1,790	1,825	2,814	2,977	2,807	2,982	7,743	7,744	1,599	1,649	12,384	12,771
Apr.	1,576	1,636	1,770	1,795	2,790	2,937	2,784	2,933	7,740	7,754	1,571	1,619	12,156	12,555
May	1,582	1,640	1,825	1,875	2,887	3,075	2,883	3,070	7,749	7,764	1,632	1,677	12,647	13,021
June	1,587	1,645	1,755	1,800	2,785	2,961	2,781	2,960	7,751	7,779	1,555	1,583	12,052	12,315
July	1,592	1,647	1,770	1,810	2,818	2,981	2,813	2,977	7,746	7,783	1,552	1,581	12,025	12,306
Aug.	1,598	1,652	1,765	1,810	2,820	2,990	2,814	2,985	7,735	7,790	1,520	1,570	11,754	12,232
Sept.	1,604	1,655	1,690	1,735	2,711	2,871	2,705	2,817	7,730	7,785	1,472	1,498	11,376	11,663
Oct.	1,609	1,664	1,745	1,760	2,808	2,929	2,800	2,924	7,726	7,792	1,522	1,541	11,756	12,004
Nov.	1,614	1,670	1,685	1,685	2,720	2,814	2,716	2,808	7,739	7,791	1,485	1,496	11,492	11,654
Dec.	1,618	1,676	1,740	1,750	2,815	2,933	2,808	---	7,750	7,797	1,549	1,567	12,008	12,220

^{1/} Milk receipts are from the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Dairy Marketing and Milk Pooling Branches. Excludes on farm usage.

^{2/} Twenty-state total. Revised 2002 data.

^{3/} Includes dry cows, but excludes heifers not yet fresh.

^{4/} Excludes milk sucked by calves.

AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, CALIFORNIA AND U.S. ^{1/}

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		December 2001	November 2002	Dec. 15, 2002	December 2001	November 2002	Dec. 15, 2002
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled ^{2/}	Ton	115.00	96.00	94.00	95.60	93.60	92.60
Alfalfa, Baled ^{2/}	Ton	124.00	101.00	95.00	105.00	101.00	100.00
Hogs ^{2/ 3/}	Cwt.	---	---	---	33.30	27.80	30.00
Cows ^{2/}	Cwt.	35.00	32.50	34.50	36.00	33.00	34.20
Steers and Heifers ^{2/}	Cwt.	66.00	71.00	75.00	68.50	72.00	74.80
Calves ^{2/}	Cwt.	94.00	88.00	95.50	101.00	88.20	93.60
Sheep ^{2/}	Cwt.	31.50	34.00	---	34.00	32.80	---
Lambs ^{2/}	Cwt.	57.00	77.00	---	61.40	84.10	---
Milk Cows ^{4/}	Cwt.	---	---	---	---	---	---
All Milk, Wholesale ^{2/}	Cwt.	12.30	10.30	10.50	13.50	11.80	11.90

^{1/} The estimated prices in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers and are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

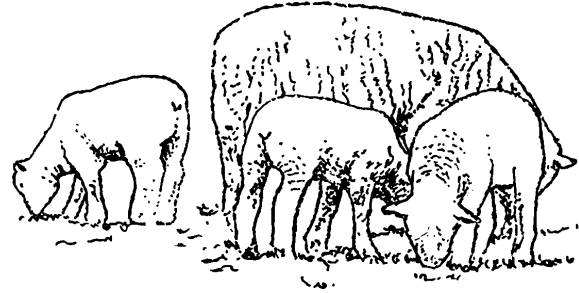
^{2/} Previous month revised to monthly average.

^{3/} Price includes barrows, gilts, and sows.

^{4/} Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July, and October.

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during December 2002 totaled 120.6 million pounds (dressed weight), 10 percent above last month and 23 percent above December 2001. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In December 2002, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,286 pounds; calves 137 pounds; and hogs 238 pounds.



RED MEAT PRODUCTION 1 PERCENT ABOVE LAST YEAR

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.86 billion pounds in December, up 1 percent from the 3.81 billion pounds produced in December 2001.

December 2001 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays. December 2002 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.11 billion pounds, was slightly below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.77 million head, down slightly from December 2001. The average live weight was 1,265 pounds, up 9 pounds from December a year ago.

Veal production totaled 18.0 million pounds, 15 percent above December a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 98.3 thousand head, up 16 percent from December 2001. The average live weight was 305 pounds, down 4 pounds from December a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.72 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.66 million head, 3 percent above December 2001. The average live weight was 268 pounds, unchanged from December a year ago.

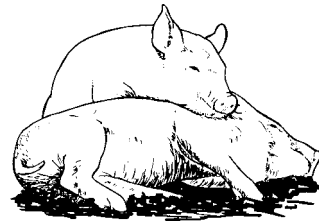
Lamb and mutton production, at 18.5 million pounds, was down 3 percent from December 2001. Sheep slaughter totaled 278.5 thousand head, slightly below last year. The average live weight was 133 pounds, down 5 pounds from December a year ago.

January - December red meat production was 47.2 billion pounds, 3 percent above the previous year. Accumulated beef production was up 4 percent from last year, veal was up 1 percent, pork was up 3 percent, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, DECEMBER 2000-01 a/

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
CATTLE						
California	82.8	111.3	107,910	143,135	1,303	1,286
U.S. Total	2,779.3	2,772.0	3,489,696	3,506,477	1,256	1,265
CALVES						
California	8.7	11.9	1,556	1,634	180	137
U.S. Total	84.6	98.3	26,144	29,971	309	305
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S. Total	279.6	278.5	38,643	37,117	138	133
HOGS						
California	230.9	228.2	53,122	54,428	230	238
U.S. Total	8,419.1	8,658.4	2,255,194	2,316,548	268	268
RED MEAT	December 2001	November 2002	December 2002	Dec. 02 Dec. 01	Dec. 02 Nov. 02	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	97.6	109.5	120.6	123	110	
U.S. Total	3,813.6	3,907.3	3,858.7	101	99	

a/ Farm slaughter excluded.



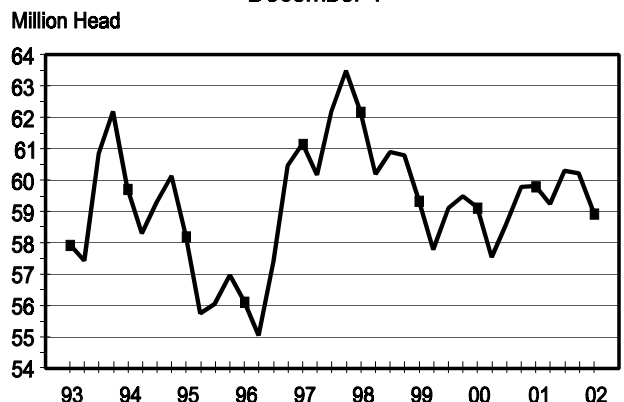
U.S. HOG INVENTORY DOWN 1 PERCENT

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2002 was 58.9 million head. This was 1 percent below December 1, 2001 and 2 percent below September 1, 2002.

Breeding inventory, at 6.01 million head, was down 3 percent from December 1, 2001 and down 1 percent from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 52.9 million head, was 1 percent below last year and 2 percent below last quarter.

The September-November 2002 U.S. pig crop, at 24.9 million head, was 2 percent less than 2001 and 1 percent less than 2000. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.82 million head, 2 percent below last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 47 percent of the breeding herd. The average number of pigs saved per litter was 8.83 for the September-November 2002 period, compared to 8.82 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 9.00 for operations with more than 5.00 thousand hogs and pigs.

U.S. Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory December 1



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